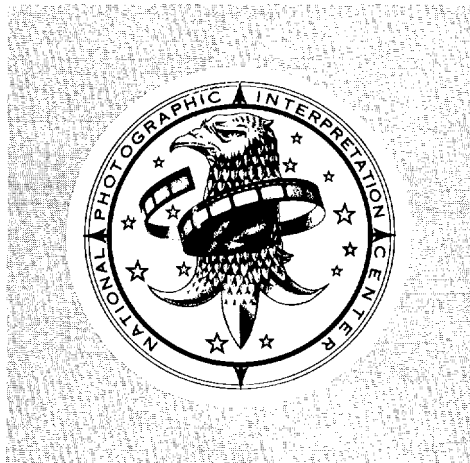


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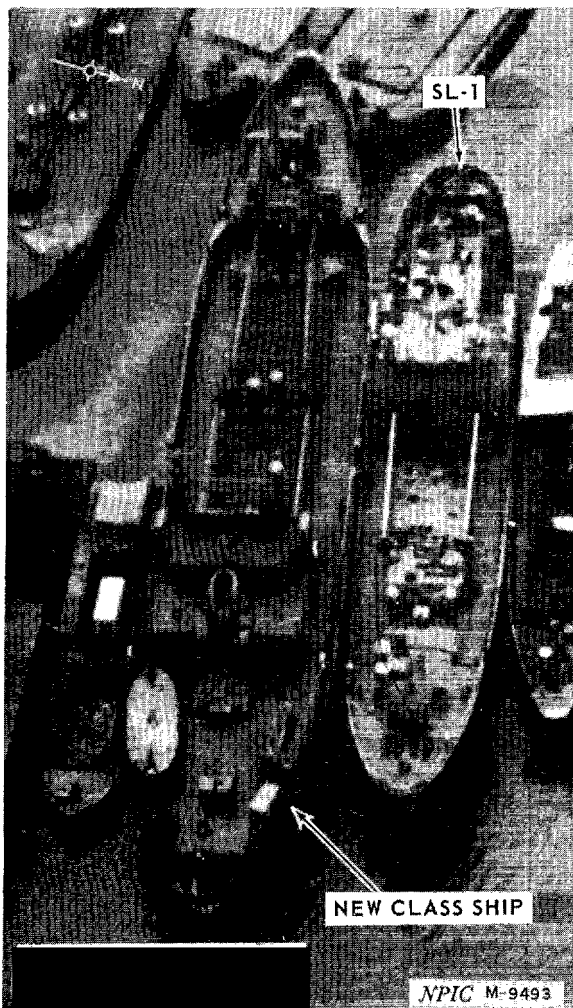
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25X1D 1. A new-class merchant vessel was identified in Haiphong port during [REDACTED]. The vessel is probably of Communist Chinese construction. It may have been permanently transferred to North Vietnam because it was in an area not normally used by foreign merchant ships; North Vietnamese vessels, harbor craft, and smaller water-borne logistics craft were moored alongside; and there was no evidence of off-loading. The ship was at the same location in Haiphong port on [REDACTED] 25X1D [REDACTED] (Figures 1 and 2). 25X1D

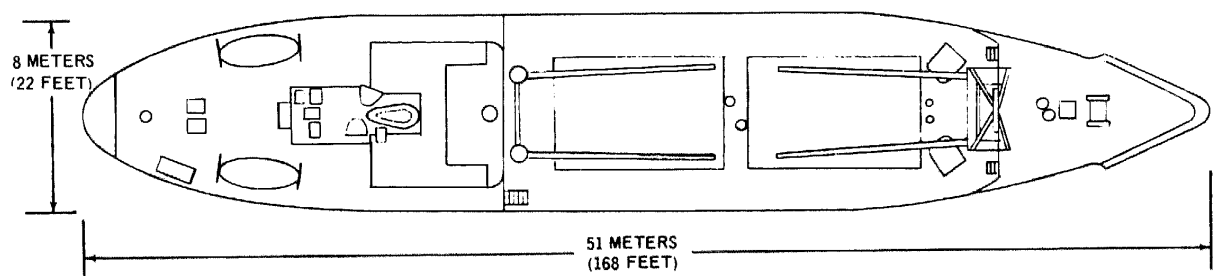


2. The ship is a stack aft- (group 4) type vessel with a raised 1-3 hull profile, a cruiser stern, MMF sequence of uprights, and a tapered funnel. The forward mast is an inverted "Y" and tower-mast combination with two cargo-handling booms. The vessel is approximately 51 meters (168 feet) LOA, with an 8-meter (27-foot) beam, and has a tonnage of approximately 550 gross tons. A DONETS-class surface search radar and a CROSS LOOP radar are mounted on the superstructure.

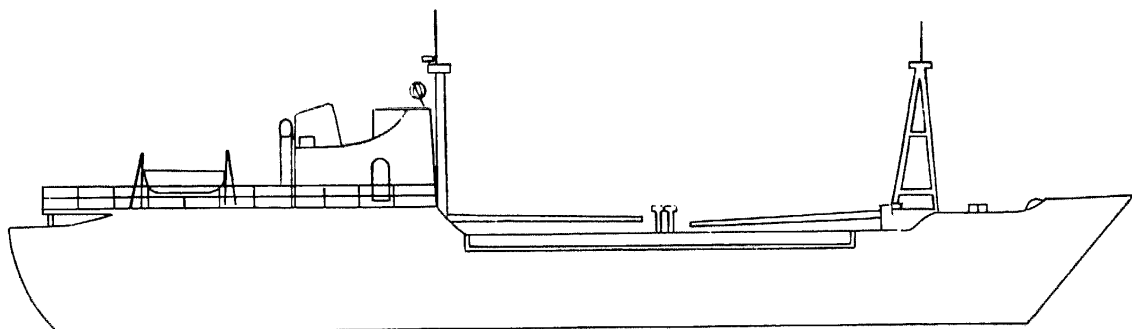
3. The ship appears to be of modern design but does not correspond to any ship described in ONI 36 1J, Communist Bloc Merchant Ships (C). The shape of the bow, the masts, and the superstructure are similar to the Viet Trung (AOL) and are characteristic of Communist Chinese construction. The Viet Trung (AOL) was built by Communist China and transferred to North Vietnam.

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FIGURE 1. NEW-CLASS CARGO VESSEL, HAIPHONG, NORTH VIETNAM



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FIGURE 2. NEW-CLASS CARGO VESSEL, NORTH VIETNAM

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